

9th Annual

National Infrastructure Summit

14th & 15th September 2010, Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne



Featuring presentations from:

The Hon. Tim Pallas MP, **Minister for Roads and Ports, Minister for Major Projects, Victoria State Government**

The Hon. Gerry McCarthy MP, **Minister for Lands and Planning, Northern Territory Government**

Senator Barnaby Joyce, **Shadow Minister for Regional Development**

Garry Bowditch, Director, SMART Infrastructure Facility, **University of Wollongong**

Dr Tony Stapledon, Group Sustainability Manager - Corporate Relations, **Leighton Contractors**

Alan Ross, CEO, **CPSISC**

Roderick MacKinnon, Manager Commercial Strategy - Strategic Projects, **McConnell Dowell Corporation Limited**



Mark Pearson, Executive General Manager Regulatory Affairs, **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

Nick Wills-Johnson, Senior Economist, **ACIL Tasman**

PLUS:

**Two pre conference workshops on 13th September 2010
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Day One: Tuesday 14th September 2010

8:30 Coffee & registration

8:55 Welcome from the Chair

9:00 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES

The Hon. Tim Pallas MP, **Minister for Roads and Ports, Minister for Major Projects, Victoria State Government**

9:30 The Hon. Gerry McCarthy MP, **Minister for Lands and Planning, Northern Territory Government**

10:00 Coordinating transport infrastructure to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population

- ▲ Planning for an integrated transport system with efficient connectivity
- ▲ Ensuring that transport investment is undertaken strategically and holistically on a whole of life, multi-modal basis
- ▲ Delivering a state-wide program of works, asset management, operations and transport services delivery, including key examples and projects
- ▲ Providing transport safety regulation and security services

Alan Tesch, Associate Director-General,

Department of Transport & Main Roads, Queensland Government

REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

10:30 Developing infrastructure in regional Australia

- ▲ Reversing the trend of a declining population in regional areas by developing infrastructure
- ▲ The differing challenges of developing regional areas compared with major cities
- ▲ Developing regional Australia to become an attractive option for settling a growing population
- ▲ Using development as a tool for local employment

Senator Barnaby Joyce, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Infrastructure & Water, Leader of the Nationals in the Senate, **LNP Senator for Queensland**

11:00 Morning coffee

11:15 What is integrated infrastructure planning? – Can we rise to the challenge?

- ▲ Size of the infrastructure task ahead
- ▲ What is the future new business model for PPPs
- ▲ Strategies for dealing with shy private capital

Garry Bowditch, Director, SMART Infrastructure Facility, **University of Wollongong**

REGULATORY CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

11:50 New challenges in the economic regulation of infrastructure and the role of the ACCC

- ▲ Challenges in the past 12 months
- ▲ How we compare with what is happening internationally
- ▲ Issues to be resolved

Mark Pearson, Executive General Manager of the Regulatory Affairs Division, **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)**

12:30 A Different Paradigm for Access

- ▲ Third party access as a mechanism by which firms gain access to nationally significant infrastructure
- ▲ Identifying some problems in the incentives it engenders for both access seekers and infrastructure owners, particularly in regards to investing for the future
- ▲ Examining a different way of thinking about infrastructure governance, which allows access but has greater potential for improving investment incentives

Nick Wills-Johnson, Senior Consultant, **ACIL Tasman**

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Project management of nationally focused projects

- ▲ What to look for when nominating the right contractor
- ▲ Achieving true integration of project stakeholders
- ▲ The importance of a staged approach when navigating large projects

Patrick Flannigan, Head of Construction, **NBN** (invited)

FINANCIAL & TAX IMPLICATIONS

2:35 Taxation and the emergence of infrastructure as an asset class

- ▲ How are Australian managed investment trusts (MITs) able to navigate the capital gains tax regime
- ▲ Tax implications of foreign investors in the Australian market
- ▲ Strategies for optimal results in new projects

Don Green, Partner, Ernst & Young & Chair, Taxation Taskforce, **Infrastructure Partnerships Australia**

3:15 The investment opportunities and financial options for infrastructure

- ▲ Recent trends and options available for the financing of infrastructure
- ▲ The growth of superannuation funds and insurance as an option
- ▲ How has the GFC affected the confidence level of investors of infrastructure?

- ▲ Options available to investors throughout a project's lifecycle

Brad Vann, Partner, Project Finance Services, **Clayton Utz**

SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

4:05 Sustainable infrastructure

- ▲ Why is sustainability such a topical issue for infrastructure?
- ▲ How does it contribute to value and competitive advantage?
- ▲ What tools can we use to "do" sustainable infrastructure projects?

Dr Tony Stapledon, Group Sustainability Manager - Corporate Services, **Leighton Contractors Pty Limited**

4:40 Sustainable Design & Urban Areas

- ▲ Alligning design to meet natural, cultural and economic circumstances
- ▲ Achieving sustainable results across a spectrum of measures
- ▲ Individuality as a key to successful design

5:15 Closing remarks from Chair

5:20 End of day one

Day Two: Wednesday 15th September 2010

8:30 Morning coffee

8:55 Welcome from the Chair

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

9:00 Infrastructure, national productivity and export earnings

- ▲ The "perfect storm" of forces influencing our supply chains
- ▲ Adaptation - what will it look like?
- ▲ Our current suite of infrastructure - how we can make it work harder?
- ▲ A multimodal investment appraisal methodology

Rose Elphick, CEO, **Victorian Freight and Logistics Council**

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- 9:35** **Achieving transport seamlessness and efficiency**
- ▲ Addressing a transport challenge that is about tomorrow, not just today
 - ▲ The role of infrastructure – it's about using it, not just building it
 - ▲ Why all players in the transport sector need to be part of the solution
 - ▲ Freight transport in a passenger transport world
 - ▲ How can a port and freight strategy help
- Meena Naidu, Chief Policy Officer, **National Transport Commission**

- 10:10** **The continuing need for urban transport infrastructure in the context of an increasing population**
- ▲ Developing transport infrastructure this is compatible with the growth of cities
 - ▲ Matching a growing need for public transport with the growing demand for a reduction in CO2 emissions
- Prof Bill Russell, Professorial Fellow, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, **University of Melbourne**

10:45 Morning tea

FEDERAL INTERVENTION

- 11:00** **The government's Economic Stimulus Plan**
- Senator Nick Sherry, **Assistant Treasurer**
(pending parliamentary commitments)

SKILLED LABOUR

- 11:35** **Short and long term methods to maintaining an adequate level of skilled workers for national infrastructure projects**
- ▲ The current supply and demand levels
 - ▲ How and where to access skilled workers?
 - ▲ Maintaining a consistent pool of local talent
 - ▲ Adapting to an ageing workforce
- Alan Ross, CEO, **Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council (CPSISC)**

12:10 Lunch

CASE STUDY

- The challenges of delivering design resources on large, fast tracked infrastructure projects**
- Engineering consultants Beca have been in Australasia for over 90 years and involved in the design of major infrastructure projects for more than 20 years including traditional, D&C, alliances and PPP delivery.
- These case studies will discuss meeting the challenges of large scale infrastructure projects, with reference to Beca's Joint Venture with Parsons Brinckerhoff to deliver engineering design services to Thiess-Degremont for the fast-tracked Victorian Desalination Project.
- Greg Lowe, Managing Director - Australia, **Beca**

INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

- 1:45** **Infrastructure Project Delivery Methods**
- ▲ Which project model works best and why?
 - ▲ Factoring risk into the planning of projects
- Roderick MacKinnon, Manager Commercial Strategy - Strategic Projects, **McConnell Dowell Corporation Limited**
- 2:20** **Finance and delivery model trends in social infrastructure – A perspective**
- ▲ Finance industries appetite for risk following (or between) the GFC
 - ▲ Current finance and delivery model trends in Australia
 - ▲ Cost versus value for money
 - ▲ A current European perspective
- Wes Gault, Director, **BurnsBridges Sweett Pty Ltd**

2:55 Afternoon tea

Beyond the PPP model

- 3:10**
- ▲ What other options are available for governments to pursue as opposed to the standard PPP model that is starting to burn investor fingers?
 - ▲ Extensions of the PPP model
 - ▲ Examples of how other nations have grown beyond PPPs
- Michael Daly, Executive Director, Project Finance, **Ernst & Young**

Challenges in Financing Infrastructure after the GFC

- 3:45**
- ▲ What happened to infrastructure financing through the GFC?
 - ▲ What risks do we still face?
 - ▲ Absence of the monolines
 - ▲ How Australia differs from other regions
- Ian Greer, Managing Director, Corporate and Government Ratings, **Standard & Poor's**

4:20 Closing remarks from Chair

4:25 End of day two

Separately bookable

PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Monday 13th September 2010

9:15 Morning tea and coffee

9:30 - 12:30 WORKSHOP A: Mitigating risk of large infrastructure projects

- ▲ Project models – Traditional / ECI and ETI / Alliancing / PPPs
- ▲ Dealing with Risk in Infrastructure Projects
 - a. Definition
 - b. Identification
 - c. Management and Mitigation
- ▲ Using Risk as a Project Selection Tool
- ▲ How is risk dealt with in each of the models?

Workshop Leaders:

Scott Alden, Partner, **DLA Phillips Fox**

Scott practices in both the private and public sector, on large strategic projects and infrastructure projects, and advises clients in relation to procurement and probity. Scott is Chair of the Business Law Committee of the Law Society of NSW as well as a Councillor and is the Immediate Past President of NSW Young Lawyers.

Alex Guy, Partner, **DLA Phillips Fox**

Alex advises on major infrastructure projects, including public private partnership transactions. He has experience across a range of sectors and his clients include senior funders, equity investors, central and local government bodies, contractors, operators and service providers. He is considered a market leader for public transport, social housing and regeneration projects.

1:30 - 4:30 WORKSHOP B: Project management of large complex projects

- ▲ Tender preparation, management and advice
- ▲ Facilities management
- ▲ Outsourcing
- ▲ Teaming relationships
- ▲ Project management procedures that work
- ▲ Working with stakeholders - managing aspirations
- ▲ Achieving whole of life value for money outcomes
- ▲ Learning from past projects

For further information about the workshop leaders for Workshop B and detailed insight into the session, please visit the website www.informa.com.au/nationalinfrastructure

